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SUBJECT: SUGAR QUOTAS

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1. REGRET IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION
ON STATE OF DELIBERATIONS IN TIME FOR YOUR MEETING WITH
MARCOS.

2. PENDING DECLARATION OF FURTHER DOMESTIC DEFICIT OF
500,000 SHORT TONS WOULD REQUIRE MANDATORY ACTION UNDER
SUGAR ACT. SINCE DEFEAT OF NEW SUGAR BILL, ACTION UNDER
SECTION 408 (A) HAS BEEN ONE OF THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS CONSI-
DERED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE.

3. THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WHO HAS STATUTORY RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR THE SUGAR ACT, FAVORS RECOMMENDING SECTION 408
(A) ACTION TO THE PRESIDENT. WHEN U.S.D.A. SOUGHT OUR VIEW,
WE INDICATED WE PERCEIVED NO OBJECTION, GIVEN CURRENT TIGHT
DOMESTIC SUPPLY SITUATION, AND THE NEAR CERTAINTY THAT A
NORMAL QUOTA RE-ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO INCREASE
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SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WHEN SUGAR

IS MOST NEEDED. SUSPENSION WOULD REMOVE BARRIERS TO SUGAR
FROM ANY SOURCE INCLUDING QUOTA COUNTRIES.

4. IN PRESS CONF. AUG. 26, SEC. BUTZ SAID IN RESPONSE TO

QUESTION THAT SUSPENSION OF QUOTAS IS UNDER STUDY AND THAT
HE PERSONALLY FAVORS SUCH A MOVE IN VIEW OF TIGHT WORLD
SUPPLY SITUATION AND EXORBITANTLY HIGH PRICES. KISSINGER

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